

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 11-13 have been withdrawn from consideration after the Applicant's election of Group I claims (claims 1-10) on March 20, 2003. Applicant cancels claims 11-13 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant amends claim 4 to more broadly recite the claimed features of the invention.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for acknowledging Applicant's claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119, and for placing the certified copy of the priority document in the record of the file. Applicant also thanks the Examiner for initialing and returning Form PTO-1449 filed with the Information Disclosure Statement on May 11, 2001.

The Examiner rejects claims 1 and 3-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,500,750 to Kanbe et al. The Examiner objects to claim 2, but indicates that it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base an intervening claims. Applicant does not rewrite claim 2 in independent form at this time. Applicant adds new dependent claim 14 that includes one of the features of claim 2 that the Examiner indicated is allowable. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 14 is allowable at least for this reason. In addition, Applicant adds new claim 15 to provide an alternative scope of coverage for the Applicant's invention in the claims.

The Examiner alleges that Kanbe discloses or suggests all of the features of the Applicant's invention as claimed in independent claim 1. Applicant respectfully disagrees. Kanbe does not disclose or suggest all of the features of Applicant's invention.

For example, one of the claimed features of Applicant's invention is "a liquid crystal layer sandwiched by a side of said transparent electrode formed on said first substrate and a side

of said reflecting electrode provided on said second substrate”. Kanbe does not disclose this feature as claimed.

Kanbe describes a liquid crystal layer 50, a reflection electrode 38, and a transparent electrode 48. However, Kanbe discloses that an orientation film 44 is formed on the reflection electrode 38, and that an orientation film 49 is formed on the transparent electrode 48 (Kanbe, column 8, lines 2-4 and lines 24-26; see also Figure 1). The liquid crystal layer 50 lies between these two orientation films (Kanbe, Figure 1). In other words, the liquid crystal layer is not sandwiched by the sides of the electrodes as required by the claim, but rather is sandwiched by the sides of the orientation films 44 and 49. Notably, as shown in Figure 1 of Kanbe, at no point do the surfaces of either of the electrodes 38 or 48 contact the liquid crystal layer 50. Therefore, Kanbe does not disclose or suggest this feature of the claim.

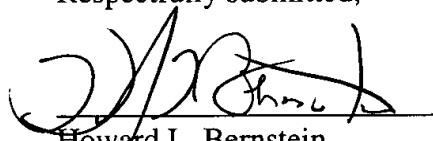
Because Kanbe does not disclose all of the features of Applicant’s invention as claimed in claim 1, claim 1 is not anticipated by (i.e. is not readable on) Kanbe at least for this reason. Claims 3-10 are allowable at least by virtue of their dependence on independent claim 1.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number listed below.

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APPENDIX
VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 11-13 are canceled.

The claims are amended as follows:

4. (Once Amended) The reflection-type liquid crystal display according to Claim 1, wherein said depressions and said protrusions [each has]have a smooth sectional shape[formed by melting].

New claims 14 and 15 are added.